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ALLOCATION FOR BIOSPHERE RESERVES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bio-sphere reserves in the country as on date, State-wise;

(b) the budgetary allocations made for restoring biosphere reserves during the last five years; and

(c) the funds utilized there under along with the achievements made in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) State wise list of Biosphere Reserves as on date is given below:-
Assam (Dibru Saikhowa, Manas), Arunachal Pradesh (Dehang Debang), Chattisgarh (Part of Achanakmar-Amarkantak), Andman and Nicobar Islands (Great Nicobar) Karnataka (Part of Nilgiris), Kerala (Part of Nilgiris, Part of Agasthyamalai), Madhya Pradesh (Pachmarhi, part of Achanakmar-Amarkantak), Meghalaya (Nokrek), Orissa (Simlipal), Sikkim (Kanchenjunga), Tamil Nadu (Part of Nilgiris, Gulf of Mannar, part of Agastyamalai) Uttaranchal (Nanda Devi), West Bengal (Sunderbans).

(b) The Budgetary Allocation made for implementation of Management Action Plans in the Biosphere Reserves during the last five years is as follows:-

Rupees in Lakhs

Financial Year	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Budgetary Allocation	284.45	402.676	583.11	578.674	653.65

(c) A substantive part of the funds has been utilized by the recipient states on activities aimed at monitoring and promoting biodiversity conservation through surveys and assessment of the flora and fauna and creation of nurseries for indigenous species; providing alternate livelihoods options such as Bee keeping, Horticulture development, irrigation channels for improved agricultural yield, Fisheries, Skill development and Training to local inhabitants; creating minor infrastructure such as jetties, brick soling of pathways, provision of drinking water restoration of degraded sites through check dams and afforestation; and promoting awareness creation activities through construction of Interpretation Centers and distribution of publicity material.